Connecting of Ludhiana/Rajpura with Chandigarh

2961. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the position of the long standing demand of Punjab Government for connecting Ludhiana/Rajpura with Chandigarh by rail; and

(b) whether it is a fact that this long delay is causing great inconvenience and frustration to the people of Punjab whose just demand is being unduly delayed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) and (b) Survey for Chandigarh-Rajpura (a station on Ambala-Ludhiana line) new railway line is in progress. Report is expected by the end of 1993-94. Further action would depend upon results of the survey and availability of resources.

Identification of Sites for construction of over-bridges in Punjab

2962. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to construct railway over-bridges in the State of Punjab in the near future;

(b) if so, whether the sites for construction of bridges has been identified; and

(c) what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) to (c) Construction of road over bridges at following locations are sanctioned:

1. At Patiala over level crossing No.17 at Km 25/8-9.

2. In replacement of old ROB at Dhilwan at Km. 463/8.

3. At Phagwara on G.T. Road at Km. 1/8-9 on Phagwara-New Shahar.

Cancellation of Trains in Punjab

2963. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of trains which were cancelled/rescheduled in Punjab during terrorist-created disturbed conditions with the details thereof;

(b) the reasons for which these trains have not restarted or put on their original schedule timing as normalcy has been restored in Punjab and there is no justification for prolonging the cancellation or change in timings; and

(c) by when the trains are being restarted with original timings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) A Total of 73 trains continue to remain cancelled/rescheduled due to law and order problem in Punjab as per the

following details:—

Year of Cancellation/rescheduling	No. of trains remaining cancelled rescheduled d/	
	Mail/Express	Passenger
1986-87		5
1987-88		
1988-89		2
1989-90		
1990-91		
1991-92	12	54
1992-93		
TOTAL :	12	61

(b) For want of security clearance from the Government of Punjab.

(c) As soon as security clearance is given by the State Government

Construction of verhead|undtr

2964. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) how many proposals for the construction of overhead Bridges| under Bridges from Punjab are lying with Government with the detail thereof; and

(b) what action is being taken by Government for construction of these Bridges and by when their construction would be taken in hand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) Nil, Sir:

(b) Does not arise.

लम्बी दूरी की रेलगाड़ियों में चिकित्सा सहायता

2965. **श्री ब्रह्मदेव आनन्द पासवान:** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) उन लम्बी दूरी वाली गाड़ियों की संख्या कितनी है जिनमें यात्रा के दौरान यात्रियों को आक्सीजन सहित आपातकालीन चिकित्सा सुविधायें भी उपलब्ध करायी गयी हैं ;

(ख) पिछले तीन वर्षों में 28 फरवरी, 1994 तक रेल यात्रा के दौरान हुई स्वभाविक और अस्वभाविक मौतों की संख्या क्या है ;

(ग) क्या भाग (ख) में उल्लिखित आश्रितों/परिवारजनों को कोई मुआवजा या आर्थिक सहायता दी गयी है ; और

(घ) यदि नहीं तो उसके क्या कारण हैं और सरकार कब तक ऐसा करने का विचार रखती है ?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री के0सी0 लेंका) : (क) से (घ) सूचना इकट्ठी की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जायेगी ।